



STUDENT DRUG TESTING POLICY

Board Report Handout - Proposed FNCFD Revision | What's Changing

AREA	CURRENT POLICY	PROPOSED POLICY
Initial testing	Drug screen required as part of the athletic physical. Extracurricular participants also provide a sample at the start of the year or when joining an activity.	Removes the universal initial test. Students enter the testing pool after the consent form is completed.
Random testing	Students are selected weekly, with the district determining how many students are drawn.	The testing company randomly selects students. Testing may occur up to monthly or as needed, generally 15-25 students per selection.
Sample collection	A same-sex coach or school employee monitors the collection process.	A professional testing technician manages specimen collection and chain-of-custody procedures.
Unable to provide sample	No specific time limit is stated.	A selected student who cannot provide a sample within 3 hours is treated as having a positive test.
First positive test	Student is restricted from extracurricular activities for 2 weeks and completes required counseling.	Restriction increases to 30 calendar days and applies to meetings, practices, performances, and competitions. Counseling remains required.
Return to participation	Policy does not specifically require a negative test before returning after each positive.	Student must pass a drug test before returning after the first, second, or third positive.
Follow-up cost & carryover	District/activity fund covers subsequent testing. No specific year-end carryover language.	Parent/guardian pays subsequent tests after a positive. A suspension at year-end carries into the next school year.

BOTTOM LINE FOR THE BOARD

The biggest operational change: the district moves from universal/weekly testing to a professionally managed random testing pool. The proposed policy also strengthens consequences by extending the first restriction to 30 days, requiring a negative test before return, and shifting follow-up testing costs after a positive to the parent/guardian.

WHAT STAYS THE SAME

Policy continues to apply to extracurricular participants in grades 7-12; reasonable-suspicion testing, confidentiality, appeals, self-referral, and the 180-school-day refusal consequence remain in place.

Source: Miami Board of Education Policy FNCFD - current policy (rev. 6-24-24) and proposed revision dated 9-14-26.